

## SENATE BILL No. 534

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-7-26.7; IC 9-24-2.5.

**Synopsis:** Online voter registration. Permits, after June 30, 2010, an individual who possesses a current and valid Indiana driver's license or identification card to: (1) submit a voter registration application; or (2) update information in the individual's existing voter registration record; online by use of a secure Internet web site. Establishes procedures for the bureau of motor vehicles, the secretary of state, and a county voter registration office to process an application or information submitted to the web site.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-7-26.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2009]:

4 **Chapter 26.7. Online Voter Registration**

5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an individual who:**

6 (1) is eligible to register to vote under IC 3-7-13; and

7 (2) possesses a current and valid:

8 (A) Indiana driver's license issued under IC 9-24; or

9 (B) Indiana identification card for nondrivers issued under  
10 IC 9-24-16.

11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "applicant" means an individual**  
12 **who submits an application as provided in this chapter.**

13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "bureau" refers to the bureau of**  
14 **motor vehicles created by IC 9-14-1-1.**

15 **Sec. 4. After June 30, 2010, an individual described in section 1**  
16 **of this chapter may submit a voter registration application to a**  
17 **county voter registration office using the procedures set forth in**



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1 this chapter.

2 Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state, with the consent of the  
3 co-directors of the election division, shall establish a secure  
4 Internet web site to permit individuals described in section 1 of this  
5 chapter to submit applications under this chapter.

6 (b) The secure web site established under subsection (a) must  
7 allow an individual described in section 1 of this chapter to submit:

8 (1) an application:

9 (A) for registration as a first time voter in Indiana; or

10 (B) to change the individual's name, address, or other  
11 information set forth in the individual's existing voter  
12 registration record; and

13 (2) information to establish that the applicant is eligible under  
14 section 1 of this chapter to register online.

15 Sec. 6. (a) When an applicant submits an application described  
16 in section 5(b)(1) of this chapter by use of the secure Internet web  
17 site established under this chapter, the bureau shall compare the  
18 information submitted by the applicant with the information  
19 maintained in the bureau's data base listing individuals who  
20 possess a current and valid Indiana:

21 (1) driver's license; or

22 (2) identification card for nondrivers.

23 (b) If the bureau determines that the applicant is eligible to  
24 submit an application under this chapter, the bureau shall forward  
25 the following to the secretary of state using the computerized  
26 statewide voter registration list maintained under IC 3-7-26.3:

27 (1) The application and any additional information submitted  
28 by the applicant.

29 (2) Information compiled by the bureau (including the digital  
30 signature of the applicant maintained by the bureau).

31 Sec. 7. (a) The secretary of state shall forward an application  
32 and additional information received from the bureau under section  
33 6(b) of this chapter to the county voter registration office of the  
34 county in which the applicant currently resides. The secretary of  
35 state shall use information supplied by the applicant to determine  
36 the county in which the applicant currently resides.

37 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the county  
38 voter registration office shall process the application under IC 3-7.

39 Sec. 8. If an applicant, in an application submitted by use of the  
40 secure Internet web site established under this chapter, indicates  
41 that the applicant is currently registered at an address other than  
42 the address within the county in which the applicant currently

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1 resides, the secretary of state, using the computerized statewide  
 2 voter registration list maintained under IC 3-7-26.3, shall provide  
 3 a copy of the applicant's application to:

4 (1) any county in Indiana; or

5 (2) any jurisdiction outside Indiana;

6 in which the applicant states that the applicant currently is or may  
 7 be registered to vote.

8 SECTION 2. IC 9-24-2.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. This chapter  
 10 prescribes the procedures to be followed by the commission in  
 11 processing voter registration applications under 42 U.S.C. 1973gg-3,  
 12 and IC 3-7-14, and IC 3-7-26.7.

13 SECTION 3. IC 9-24-2.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.164-2006,  
 14 SECTION 137, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. (a) As required under 42 U.S.C.  
 16 1973gg-3(e)(1), the manager or designated license branch employee  
 17 shall transmit a copy of the completed voter registration portion of each  
 18 application for a driver's license or an identification card for nondrivers  
 19 issued under this article to the county voter registration office of the  
 20 county in which the individual's residential address (as indicated on the  
 21 application) is located.

22 (b) The voter registration application shall be transmitted to the  
 23 county voter registration office in an electronic format and on an  
 24 expedited basis (as defined by IC 3-5-2-23.2) using the computerized  
 25 list established under IC 3-7-26.3. **Except in the case of applications**  
 26 **submitted online under IC 3-7-26.7**, the paper copy of the application  
 27 shall be transmitted under subsection (a) to the county voter  
 28 registration office not later than five (5) days after the application is  
 29 accepted at the license branch.

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